

ASBSD Board of Directors Meetings
February 16, 2026
VIA Zoom
Pierre, SD

- I. **Call to Order** – President Shane Roth called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were board members, Garret Bischoff, Eric Stroeder, Lisa Snedeker, Annelies Seffrood, Anita Peterson, Susan Humiston, Quinton Patzlaff, Tanya Gray, Marc Murren, Jamie Clapham, Jamie Lindner, Dan Cronin, Ellie Saxer, Pam Haukaas, and Lexi Lux. Absent were board members Mark Winegar and Steve Kubik.
- II. **Welcome and Pledge** – President Roth welcomed the board members and asked the board to please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Good News** - All board members briefly shared their good news within their districts.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Moved by Tanya Gray, second by Lexi Lux to approve the November 20, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- V. **Finance**

V.A. Financial Report – Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Heezen reported as of January 31 it marks the end of seven months of FY2026 or 58.33%. As of January 31st, we received \$1,816,255.63 or 75.36% of our revenue budget and expended \$1,248,055.04 or 52.53% of the expenditure budget.

At the same time last year, the Association had total revenue of \$1,627,073.14 or 69.18% of our revenue budget while expenditures were \$1,173,102.20 or 50.48% of our expenditure budget.

Revenues from FY25 to FY26 year-to-date saw an increase of \$189,182.49 or 11.63% mostly due to the following: 1) Gains/Losses on Investments; 2) Joint Convention; 3) Policy Services; and 4) Protective Trust.

Expenditures from FY 25 to FY26 year-to-date saw an increase of \$74,952.84 or 6.39%, mostly due to the following: 1) Salaries and Employee Benefits; 2) Property Services; 3) Consulting in Health; 4) Paid to SASD; and 5) Printing and & Binding.

The revenue report, expenditure report and balance sheet have been updated with adjustments to accrued revenue, expenses and capital asset depreciation as year-to-date through January 31st. Moved by Marc Murren, second by Susan Humiston to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

V.B. Protective Trust Update – Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Heezen reported the Protective Trust is currently working with Eide Bailly on the FY25 audit. They plan to have most of the field work completed in the next few weeks. They will have the report ready for distribution in March or April.

We are exploring some marketing ideas for all 3 pools, including refreshed handouts and website updates. We are using asbpt.com for frequent protective trust updates such as

listing Enhanced Network Facilities/Providers and posting recordings of monthly business manager meetings. This site has links to asbsd.org website where PT also has useful information and forms.

Committee positions are currently all filled while we have one vacant position on the PT board. We will have new vacancies after personnel changes in July. I know of 4 additional vacancies at this time.

All-member Renewal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, starting at 10am CST at the AmerinInn in Chamberlain with the same format as previous years.

Property/Liability – 30 members. We had an advisory committee meeting in December where we got an update from Ryan Doyle on the state of the market, reviewed the timeline for the upcoming insurance year, and looked at claims history. We did not receive notice of any members going out for quotes and the deadline was December 1. We did have one request to get a quote, and Ryan is working on that. All members were asked to update their property and liability information in the system by the end of January so our broker can start working on renewals. The renewal update for PL will be in May.

Workers' Comp – 75 members. Same as Property/Liability on advisory committee meeting updates from December (state of market/renewal timeline/claims history). We did not receive notice of any members going out for quotes and the deadline was December 1. However, we did get one inquiry on the process, but it was after the deadline. I haven't heard anything additional from them. All members were asked to update their payroll information in the system by the end of January so our broker can start working on renewals. The advisory committee & PT board will meet in early/mid March and renewals will be presented at the March meeting in Chamberlain.

Health – 74 members. Advisory committee met in January and February. They will be meeting again in February/March to further evaluate the Pharmacy Benefits Manager RPF's and determine the overall rate structure/tranches for FY27 with renewals to be presented at the March meeting in Chamberlain. We have one inquiry for usage history that would indicate they are seeking quotes from another provider. The deadline for notice to us per contract is March 31. We have also received 2 requests to get a quote to join ASBPT. One quote has been presented to the school, and the other one will be ready next week.

We continue holding Business Manager webinars where we cover various topics: Well365 benefits such as flu shots and wellness; Enhanced Network changes effective January 1; 3 Wellmark ones in December (Blues Enroll, More with Wellmark, EGRP – Medicare); 2 ACA with Eide Bailly; HSA/FSA guidelines; FMLA regulations coming February 25; and more to schedule for areas such as Enrollment Guidelines/Assistance and Dependent Eligibility.

Have had discussions regarding potential special coverage for Reproductive Health and Diabetes Management. Working on getting a Plan Document that will help provide more definition and direction, which will improve consistency.

- VI. Executive Committee Report from Advocacy Institute** – Shane Roth shared the sessions he attended were informative and enjoyed the visits with our congressional delegation.

Lisa Snedeker advised the board she served on the nominating committee prior to Advocacy Institute and was disappointed with the outcome of the committee. She stated that Eric Stroeder didn't receive the nomination for Secretary-Treasurer of NSBA.

Garret Bischoff reported he attended some interesting workshops. Two sessions, one pertaining to civic education and the other related to professional development for your state's organization were very good and thought provoking. He too enjoyed the group chat with our Congressional staff.

Eric Stroeder reported he enjoyed the work-alike groups.

- VII. Report from NSBA** – Eric Stroeder reported his bid for Secretary-Treasurer of NSBA was unsuccessful at this time but he was encouraged by several to run again next year. He also reported they have been working very hard to resolve the ongoing pensions issues; have created a superintendent/board training for large districts (Chicago, Nashville) and hired a new pr man and he is quite the mover and shaker.

Eric also updated the board on the Federal Tax Credit/Scholarship Grant and that it is being written so public schools would be included. NSBA is working hard to make sure rules are more positive for public schools. Heath Larson also spoke up advising the board ASBSD is being proactive and could serve as a recipient for the schools.

- VIII. Board Engagement Activity** – Heath Larson reminded the Board of the upcoming Board Engagement Webinars, set to begin at 7:00 pm Central Daylight Time. The events are as follows:

Wednesday, **April 1**

Shane & Garret: Legislative Items & Open Meetings Task Force

Wednesday, **April 8**

Lisa & Tanya: Community Partnerships

Wednesday, **April 22**

Eric & Ellie: Artificial Intelligence

Wednesday, **April 29**

Marc & Lexi: Celebrate Successes

- IX. Executive Director's Report/Legislative Update** – Heath Larson reported revenue projections came in \$30,000,000 more than projected for the December budget address. The Governor has now proposed a 1% increase for the big three (education, government employees and Medicaid).

February 24 is crossover day and there is still a lot of work to be done. ASBSD has been tracking 108 pieces of legislature, 74 are still alive with ASBSD supporting 18 and opposing 35. We also have a couple of bills awaiting the Governor's signature. He further reported property tax bill, including ta force, provides us with lot of bad ideas as to how they will impact schools. Other bills discussed include:

HB 1285 – Amends school board election laws and school board member terms – this bill is up for discussion on Wednesday and ASBSD opposes

HB 1313 – Requires education in prenatal human growth and development – ASBSD opposes

HB 1323 – Expands petition deadlines for all referable school board decisions – ASBSD opposes

SB 183 – Adds onerous requirements to the public notice statutes when a school district proposes an opt-out – ASBSD opposes

SB 190 – Circumvents state and local control in multiple policy areas – ASBSD opposes

SB 195 – Repeals the sunset clause on the sales tax – ASBSD opposes

SB 198 – Removes the local control of a school board's cell phone policy – ASBSD opposes

SB 218 – Establishes charter schools in South Dakota – ASBSD opposes

SB 223 – Lowers general fund opt-out petition signature threshold and expands the deadline to 40 days – ASBSD opposes

SB 225 – Apportions interest earnings from the unclaimed property trust fund to school districts – ASBSD supports and we added a standing position to cover this bill

- X.** Next Meeting April 24-25, Deadwood and Adjournment – Heath Larson reminded the board of our next meeting in Deadwood at the Tin Lizzie on April 25-25, 2026. Shane Roth called for a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Moved by Jaime Clapham, second by Dan Cronin the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.